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ELECTROSURGICAL SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR RECANALIZATION OF OCCLUDED BODY LUMENS

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application claims priority from Provisional Patent Application
10. No. 60/203,443, filed May 10, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/062,869, filed April 20, 1998 (Attorney Docket No. C-8-1) and U.S. Application No. 08/874,173, filed June 13, 1997 (Attorney Docket No. 016238-005600) and derives priority from U.S. Application No. 09/002,315, filed January 2, 1998 (Attorney Docket No. C-9), the benefit of 60/057,491 filed August 27, 1997, *which claims* complete disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

15 The present invention also claims the benefit of U.S. Application Nos. 09/477,832 and 09/248,763 filed January 5, 2000 and February 12, 1999, respectively (Attorney Docket Nos. CB-10 and CB-7, respectively), the full disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

20 The present invention is further related to commonly assigned co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 08/990,374, filed December 15, 1997 (Attorney Docket No. E-3), which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/485,219, filed on June 7, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,697,281 (Attorney Docket 16238-000600), Provisional Patent Application No. 60/075,059, filed on February 18, 1998 (Attorney Docket No. CB-2P), U.S. Patent Application No. 09/010,382, filed January 21, 1998 (Attorney Docket A-6),
25 and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/032,375, February 27, 1998 (Attorney Docket No. CB-3), U.S. Patent Application Nos. 08/977,845, filed on November 25, 1997 (Attorney Docket No. D-2), 08/942,580, filed on October 2, 1997 (Attorney Docket No. 16238-001300), 09/026,851, filed February 20, 1998 (Attorney Docket No. S-2), U.S. Application No. 08/753,227, filed on November 22, 1996 (Docket 16238-002200), U.S. Application No. 08/687792, filed on July 18, 1996 (Docket No. 16238-001600), and PCT International Application, U.S. National Phase Serial No. PCT/US94/05168, filed on May 10, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,697,909 (Attorney Docket 16238-000440), which was a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/059,681, filed on May 10, 1993 (Attorney Docket